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The Honorable Arthur S. Flemming  
Director,  
Office of Defense Mobilization  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Flemming:

In response to paragraph 9 of Program Memorandum-X-4 (OEN), dated 14 October 1955 we are setting forth below a report and evaluation of this Agency's participation in the program of Individual Agency Tests, Fall and Winter 1955-56:

a. Our test was held on 1 February 1956. The signal was given at 9:00 A.M. by means especially devised in advance to preserve surprise and secrecy of the movement. Upon receipt of this signal those members of the emergency force who had been selected to participate got under way immediately for the relocation site.

b.  members of the emergency force participated, representing every major organizational component of the Agency. In making the selection of these persons priority was given to those who had not taken part in Operation Alert 1955. In addition to this group one accredited liaison officer from another agency participated in the exercise.

5. The National Security Council Staff conducted its exercise at the same time and was represented by six members of its relocation force.

d. A carefully planned and scheduled program conducted at the site included familiarization with the facilities and communications capabilities, indoctrination as to the actual operation of the program at the site under emergency circumstances, and study by the individual components of their vital materials and records in the repository.

e. The formally conducted program terminated at 3:15 P.M., following which open time was provided

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for further individual inspection of vital materials and records, and for such further examination of the facilities as the individuals or groups desired.

f. This exercise verified this Agency's high state of readiness to invoke the emergency relocation program successfully. Particular progress was noted since Operation Alert 1955 as regards the completeness of the vital records on file in the repository. It is considered that the test exercise was effective and that it was beneficial, particularly from the point of view of sustaining interest during the period of time between Operation Alert 1955 and Operation Alert 1956.

Mr. Lyman Hamilton, Jr. of the Bureau of the Budget was the designated inspector for the test. In view of the fact that he is not required to render a separate report of the test, he has read this report and concurs in it.

Sincerely,

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L. K. White  
Deputy Director

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